

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Fumio SAKIYA et al.

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For: AUTOMATIC REFERENCE POSITION TEACHING METHOD, AUTOMATIC POSITIONING METHOD, AND AUTOMATIC CARRYING METHOD FOR DISK-LIKE OBJECT, AUTOMATIC REFERENCE POSITION TEACHING DEVICE, AUTOMATIC POSITIONING DEVICE, AND AUTOMATIC CARRYING DEVICE FOR DISK-LIKE OBJECT USING THESE METHODS, AND AUTOMATIC SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;**Remarks.**